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WAR CRIMES

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF:
ABOUT 100 INDIANS of 18 INDIAN WORKING PARTY.
DECLARATION OF L/CPL DINA NATH

I, DINA NATH of 3/17 Dogra Regt. do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am DINA NATH L/Cpl in 3/17 Dogra Regt.
2. While in New Guinea as an Indian PW I was a member of 18 Indian Working Party.
3. In the month of May, 1944, the main body of 18 Indian Working party left BUT and proceeded to RABANG about 7 miles south of BUT. About 100 Indians were too sick to move and were left behind at BUT. Jemadar ADHIN CHAND of 3/17 Dogra Regt. remained with them.
4. Approximately onemonth later L/Cpl TAKASHI a member of the Japanese guard of 18 Working Party rejoined us at RABANG. He had been left behind at BUT with the 100 sick INDIANS. Four or five Indians including CPL PHUMAN SINGH and myself were sitting together. Cpl PHUMAN SINGH could speak Japanese and he asked L/Epl TAKASHI how the sick Indians were getting on at BUT. L/Cpl TAKASHI replied that all the Indians at BUT had been machine gunned and killed by the Japanese as a reprisal for the action of some Gurkha in signalling Allied Aircraft. When the Japanese began to machine gun the Indians L/Cpl TAKASHI stated that some of them took refuge in nearby trenches. When the machine gunning was over the Japanese threw grenades into these trenches. He also stated that allied aircraft continued to circle the area and dropped a small boat into the sea. Some Gurkhas made an unsuccessful attempt to reach it.
5. About three days later Jemadar ADHIN GHAND arrived and told the other Indians and myself the story we had already heard from L/Cpl TAKASHI through Cpl PHUMAN SINGH. The latter escaped with Capt. PATEL's party in August and I do not know what happened to him.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922 conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

DECLARED in the field this)
11th day of November, 1945)

(Signed) DINA NATH

(Signed) J. C. LOWRY Major
(JOHN COWAN LOWRY)
OFFICER OF A.M.F.

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到着セシト想フカシガ不成就ニ終ル。

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「印度人」ト稱語ス。後者「アダム・ヤン」ハ介ニ「バテ」
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